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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Colleague:

I would like to address this letter to all licensed psychologists who are providing supervision to psychologists-in-training. It is important that you, as supervisor, become familiar with the type of supervised professional experience which meets the guidelines described as acceptable in the state rules and regulations. These guidelines have been published in the *Missouri Register* in an attempt to clarify the nature of the required experience.

If you are functioning as a supervisor, you are not doing a trainee any favor by agreeing to supervise unless state guidelines are met. The regulations 4 CSR 235-2.020 (doctoral applicants) and 4 CSR 235-2.030 (master's applicants) define "satisfactory professional experience" as post-degree "training or practice of psychology obtained in an organized health service training program or a program specially approved by the State Committee." "Organized health service training program" is not simply on-the-job training! Regulations require, among other things, direct, supervised patient contact and delivery of services coupled with integrated didactic experiences such as case conferences, conferences in testing and assessment, seminars in areas of psychological consultation and services, etc.

I urge you to review these guidelines before agreeing to be a supervisor. A copy may be obtained by writing the central office in Jefferson City.

Sincerely yours,

Larry J. Bass, Ph.D.
Chairman

NEW SCOP RULE

The State Committee of Psychologists exists to serve psychologists and consumers. The charge to the Committee is to license, to monitor and to consider complaints related to the regulation of Psychology in Missouri. To this end the Committee, with the advice of Paul Spinden, our lawyer from the Attorney General's office, is in the process of clarifying rules and regulations which govern the interpretations of Missouri Law Chapter 337.

An example of the work of SCOP is the following rule designed to clarify to what extent persons licensed on the basis of a master's degree may use or publicize a doctoral degree which they may have been awarded.

4 CSR 235-1.090 Use of Doctoral Degree by Persons Licensed on Basis of Master's Degree

(1) A person licensed as a psychologist in this state on the basis of a master's degree pursuant to section 337.020.2(b), RSMo, shall not use in any manner in connection with his practice as a psychologist any doctoral degree which may have been awarded to the person until that person has received a license on the basis of his doctoral degree pursuant to section 337.020.2(a), RSMo. Such person shall not use, or permit to be used, the doctoral degree in any manner in connection with any of his advertisements, brochures or any materials associated with his practice as a psychologist. Such person also must not use, or permit to be used, any doctoral degree in any manner with his signature or name in connection with his practice as a psychologist. Such person shall not display, or allow to be displayed, in his office or other work place where he performs psychological services any copy of his doctoral degree diploma. He shall not refer to himself, or permit his staff to refer to him, as a doctor while in the presence of his psychology patients. He shall not refer to himself, or permit others to refer to him, as a doctor when making public appearances as a psychologist. He shall not use, or permit to be used, any doctoral degree in any manner which is likely to result in a belief that he is licensed as a psychologist on the basis of a doctoral degree. If such references are inadvertently made, he shall immediately make appropriate corrections, noting that he is not licensed on the basis of a doctoral degree and the State Committee of Psychologists has not recognized his doctoral degree.

(2) Any person violating the provisions of section (1) of this regulation is hereby deemed to be conducting his practice in a dishonest or fraudulent manner in violation of section 337.035.2(5), RSMo.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. As a newly licensed psychologist in the state of Missouri, I am in need of a directory which contains a list of all licensed psychologists. Where can I obtain such a list?

A. Write to the Professional Directories, University Printing Services, 417 South 5th Street, Columbia, Mo 65211. (Tel. 314-882-7801) Ask for the Directory of Psychologists. Cost: \$13.39 including tax.

MISSOURI FIRST

The American Board of Professional Psychology is pleased to receive word from the Missouri Department of Mental Health that Psychologists employed by this state organization will receive a considerable pay increment if they are diplomated by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). Missouri is the first state in the nation to initiate this practice.

The provision was included in a salary incentive package for mental health professionals that the General Assembly and Governor Christopher S. Bond approved this spring. The plan, effective July 1, 1984 also rewards psychologists who obtain state licenses.

These steps, plus fringe benefits worth 30 percent of salary, should make service here substantially more competitive with the private sector and other states for these mental health professionals. The recruitment and retention of those quality professionals, in turn, spell much of the difference in the level of care provided to mentally and emotionally disturbed Missourians.

Under the Missouri plan, civil-service psychologists who pass the American Board of Professional Psychology certification exams will earn 4.5 percent salary increases. Such raises for ABPP diplomates will range from \$1,100 to \$1,700 in fiscal 1985.

The plan also provides for psychologists licensed by the State Committee of Psychologists to receive similar raises. (Missouri law exempts state-employed psychologists from licensing requirements.)

CHANGE

As of September 8, 1984, a result of the passage of constitutional amendment No. 6, the Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation and Licensing (CARL) is now known as the Department of Economic Development. SCOP is now an agency of the Department of Economic Development.

APOLOGY

Because of a printing error, an unknown number of copies of the SCOP Newsletter Volume 1, No. 1 were distributed with blank insides. To those of you who received such blank copies our sincere apologies. Complete copies are available upon request through central office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next SCOP Board Meetings — March 9 & 10, 1985 — Columbia
May 18 & 19, 1985 — Kansas City

Next PES Psychology Examination — April 19, 1985 — Jefferson City

NEWLY LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS

October 26, 1984 — Examination

Michael Armour, M.A.
Ronald Belter, Ph.D.
Charles Borduin, Ph.D.
Patricia Cohn, M.A.
Augusta Cox, M.A.
Christina Echols, Ph.D.

Doris Hollander, Ph.D.
Edward Kweskin, Ph.D.
Pamela Mauch, Ph.D.
Allen Minor, M.A.
Susan Ritter, M.A.ED.
Joseph Schroeder, Psy.D.

John Baker Skaggs, Ph.D.
John Spiess, M.S.
Kathy Sylwester, M.S.
Felix Vincenz, M.S.

1984 — Reciprocity

Lance Baugh, Ph.D.
Edward Christopherson, Ph.D.
Thomas Hardaway, Ed.D.
Glen Harnden, Ph.D.
Daniel Foster, Ph.D.

Arnold Moskowitz, Ph.D.
Gail Peterson, Ph.D.
Lawrence Simkins, Ph.D.
James Stuart, Ph.D.
Douglas Wood, Ph.D.

Number of Exam Applicants	
Processed	24
Number passed	16
Number failed	8
National Exam Mean	147

Endorsement of Score — Steven Till, Ph.D.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to write about our first issue of SCOP Newsletter. Many inquiries were directed to reciprocity with other states. The next issue of SCOP will contain a reciprocity list. ED.

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